

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RONALD JOSEPH CHAMPAGNE,

Defendant.

CR 21-75-GF-BMM

**PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture. The Court having read the Motion and being fully advised in the premises finds:

THAT the defendant, Ronald Joseph Champagne, pled guilty to the single count Indictment, which provides a factual basis and cause to issue a forfeiture order forfeiting the firearm and ammunition described in the Indictment under 18 U.S.C. § 924(d); and

THAT prior to the disposition of the asset, the United States Marshal's Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or a designated sub-custodian, is required to seize the forfeited property.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, DECREED AND ADJUDGED:

THAT Champagne's interest in the following property is forfeited to the United States in accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 924(d);

- Savage Arms Incorporated manufactured, Model 111, .30-06 Springfield caliber, bolt action rifle with serial number G685500;
- Lorcin Engineering Company manufactured, Model L380, .380 ACP caliber, semi-automatic pistol, with serial number 101347 (with holster);
- Sturm, Ruger and Company, Incorporated, Blackhawk model, .41 Magnum caliber, revolver with serial number 40-07190; and
- 18 rounds of .41 magnum caliber, Cor Bon brand, ammunition.

THAT the United States Marshal's Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, or a designated sub-custodian, is directed to seize the property subject to forfeiture and further to make a return as provided by law;

THAT the United States will provide written notice to all third parties asserting a legal interest in any of the above-described property and will post on an official government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) for at least 30 consecutive days as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, of the Court's Preliminary Order and the United States' intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d) and Fed. R. Evid. 32.2, and to make its return to this Court that such action has been completed;

THAT upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, the Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture.

DATED this 9th day of February 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Morris".

Brian Morris, Chief District Judge
United States District Court